## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Application No.: 09/929,037	)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS	)	September 23, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 2231301450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith in the aboveidentified application. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2008, please amend the application as follows.